Manufacturing of video cassette recorders

2137. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to manufacture video cassette records in the Public Sector in collaboration with some Japanese company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) It has been decided to issue Letter of Intent to one party in Public Sector for the manufacture of VCRs/VCPs in addition to the three Letters of Intent issued in the Private Sector. Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation Limited (ET&T) has been asked to submit a revised composite application for manufacture of VCRs & VCPs. ET&T is yet to submit the proposal

Delicensing of indigenous technology based electronic industry

2138. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electronics Commission has reccommended delicensing of all sectors of the electronics industry based on indigenous technology;

(b) if so, the extent to which the delicensing policy will help in achieving the production target of electronics during the Seventh Plan; and

(c) the extent to which this new policy will help reduction in prices of electronics goods in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) Various recommendations made by the Electronics Commission regarding Electronics Policy and Growth Objectives 1988-89 are under consideration of the Government.

Legal Impact of the Inter-State Rivers Projects

2139. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the legal impact of the Projects of inter-State rivers cleared by Government technically and administratively; and

(b) whether the clearance is meant only to enable the State Government to secure financial assistance from the Centre and the International Financial Institutions or it would create any rights in the States where the Projects are located?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Clearance of inter-State river projects involve examination of not only the techno-economic viability but also the inter-State issues. Such clearance also helps the States to secure the financial assistance.

INDO-US Joint Medical Research

2140. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-US joint medical research has initiated several new proposals on Vaccine Action Programme (VAP);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said proposals are likely to be implemented?